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SUBJECT:STATUS OF GERMAN-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR ACCORD

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1. WE UNDERSTAND SCHMIDT IS NO LONGER PLANNING TO ATTEND
THE "MIN -SUMMIT." BUT IF PEREZ STILL PLANS TO RAISE
POINT WITH HEAD OF GERMAN DELEGATION, WHOMEVER THAT MAY BE,
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IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT GERMANS IN NO WAY GET THE IMPRESSION
THAT PEREZ IS FRONTING FOR THE US. OTHERWISE THE GERMANS
WOULD IMMEDIATELY SO INFORM THE BRAZILIANS AND OUR POSSI-
BILITIES FOR CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE (PARA 2) WOULD BE
SERIOUSLY ENDANGERED.

2. THE FRG AND BRAZIL ARE AWARE OF OUR CONTINUING APPOSI-

TION TO ESTABLISHMENT OF SENSITIVE FUEL CYCLE FACILITIES
IN BRAZIL. WE FEEL THERE IS NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY
REITERATING OUR CONCERNS AT THIS TIME TO THE PRESENT
BRAZILIAN ADMINISTRATION WHICH APPEARS COMMITTED TO ITS
CURRENT POLICY. THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION MAY BE IN A BETTER
POSITION TO REEXAMINE THE SITUATION. WE ARE STRIVING,
THEREFORE TO ESTABLISH WITH BRAZIL A CONTINUING DIALOGUE
AND PERHAPS SOME COOPERATION THAT COULD IN THE LONGER TERM
ALLOW THE US CONSTRUCTIVELY TO INFLUENCE BRAZIL'S NUCLEAR
DIRECTION. AMBASSADOR SMITH PLANS TO PURSUE THIS LATTER
APPROACH DURING HIS VISIT TO BRAZIL ON JUNE 12-13, 1978,
BUT WILL NOT GO INTO THE FRG-BRAZIL DEAL.

3. THE DISCUSSIONS WILL FOCUS ON OUR NEW NUCLEAR NON-
PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION AND HOW THE US CAN CONTINUE
NUCLEAR SUPPLY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THAT LAW.
FURTHERMORE, WE FEEL THAT BRAZIL COULD PLAY A LEADING
ROLE IN THE FUTURE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AND WE PLAN TO
SOLICIT THEIR VIEWS ON WHERE THE WORLD SHOULD BE HEADING
IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD AND ON IAEA'S ROLE.

4. SINCE REPROCESSING WOULD PROVIDE BRAZIL WITH PLUTONIUM
FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS, PRESIDENT PEREZ DISCUSSIONS WOULD
BE MOST CONSTRUCTIVE IF HE EXPRESSED HIS REPEAT HIS DEEP
CONCERN OVER THE DANGER OF A POTENTIAL COMPETITION IN
NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITIES IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF
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THE HEMISPHERE, POINTING OUT THAT SUCH A DEVELOPMENT
AFFECTS VENEZUELA SECURITY AS WELL AS ALL OTHER COUNTRIES
IN THE REGION. VANCE

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